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The eager, restless spirit, the keen, active intellect, the warm, impulsive, loving heart had outworn the slight, delicate body, and he died worn out ere he had reached fifty years of age. Counted by years the life was a short one; measured by deeds it was a long one. A home had been founded, a family reared, his eldest son prepared to step into his place; knowledge had been acquired, a reputation made, more than six hundred operations for cataract, twenty-two ovariectomies, the common carotid and the iliac arteries had been tied successfully, new instruments and new operations invented, and a host of the more ordinary surgical operations performed. He had won success as a physician, as a surgeon, as a microscopist, and photographer, as an author and as a public speaker; he had been up in a balloon, and down in a mine; the woods, the streams and the ocean had yielded up secret after secret to him. Honors had been thrust upon him in the various branches of the Masonic order; he had served his country on the field of battle; and, in civil life, he had been made a Fellow of the Royal Microscopical Society of England, member and Vice-President of the American Society of Microscopists; had made a few enemies and hosts of friends. He was a good lover but not a good hater; he had less of bitterness in his nature than seemed possible with so decided a character. His faults were few, his virtues many. May we not hope that the restless spirit has found rest, and that in wider, fuller knowledge, with eternity before him, he learns that patience which seemed to be the only virtue he could not acquire here.—GEO. E. BLACKHAM.

JAS. N. SCATCHERD.

The second meeting of the American Society of Microscopists was, in some respects, the most successful and most remarkable of any yet held. Marked by much enthusiasm on the part of the members, who were comparatively few in number, a great portion of the successful features must be accredited to the activity and careful preparatory work of the local committee at Buffalo. Among the members of this committee the late Mr. Jas. N. Scatcherd was one of the foremost in working for the interest of the Society. Notwithstanding the care of his large business interests, he devoted considerable time to systematizing the labors of the committee; almost

every railroad in the country was communicated with, and the work was commensurate with the meeting of a society numbering thousands instead of barely hundreds. It was but characteristic of the man. Whatever he undertook was certain to be thoroughly executed; his successful business career as a lumber merchant indicated this. Honest, upright in all his dealings, beloved by all with whom he came in contact, his death saddened many hearts. His generosity was always guided by sound judgment; he was ever ready to aid those who needed and deserved assistance, and his gifts were many.

At the time of his death he was a member of the Merchants' Exchange, a Director of the Third National Bank of Buffalo, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Delaware Ave. Methodist Church, President of the Buffalo General Hospital Association, and Chairman of the Buffalo Board of Water Commissioners.

He was not an active member of the American Society of Microscopists, but faithfully supported it, believing it to be a commendable enterprise and one that deserved the support of all interested in the advance of science in America.

He died at his residence, in Buffalo, January 18, 1885, and was buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery at Buffalo.—GEO. E. FELL.

